

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 7PM 85 N. MARKET ST.

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present were Atty. Beagle, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Figley, Mr. Tyger and Mrs. Wisser. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Atty. Dave Powers, and Clerk Misti Martin. The Minutes of the August 24, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Atty. Beagle. In reference to the water report for August Mr. Cohen noted that the water produced and waste water flow was almost equal because of the lack of rain. He said that shows how efficient out plant runs without the I & I issue. The August 2015 department reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Mr. Elzer. All in favor.

AGENDA- WALTER MEAD-TRUCK PARKING IN THE VILLAGE. Mr. Mead said he had heard that the Council was considering banning truck parking within residential areas in the Village. Mr. Mead is a truck driving and said that the truck that they live and work in is also their personal vehicle. He doesn't think truck drivers should have to park their trucks out of town at a truck stop and take a chance of it being broken into. Mr. Mead said that as truck drivers they have to follow very strict safety regulations and also that one of the reasons he and his family moved here is that East Palestine is a very truck friendly town. Atty. Beagle said she agreed with Mr. Mead and wants us to continue to be truck friendly to employers and employees and taxpayers. She said this issue would have to go through "a lot of hoops" for her to attack a working person in this town.

CLERK: NO REPORT

MAYOR: At this time Doug Simpson of the East Palestine Moose presented a check for \$250 to Officer Don Johnson to help with the care of K-9 Toney. Mayor Zuch then read a letter from Social Concerns Chairperson Barbara Lynch thanking Finance Director Traci Thompson, Officer Carl Barnett and Sergeant Don Johnson for helping stop a scam by three Lisbon residents who were using fake East Palestine addresses to obtain rent assistance and then keep the money. Mayor Zuch mentioned the halftime program that was held at Friday's football game to honor September 11th where Columbiana and East Palestine bands played God Bless America together and also brought out all of our safety service crews to the field. She asked that everyone continue to support out safety service members.

MANAGER: Manager Monteleone stated they have begun work on the brick wall at the bathhouse. He said most of the work on West St. with the SRTS Grant is done, the milling will be done Wednesday and start the paving Friday or Monday. He also said there is another SRTS Grant that we were awarded and will execute it next year. He said the Sumner Street Bridge project went to bid and they are hoping for construction to start this fall. He said the County did the chip and seal work and did a good job and that we are doing the crack filling in house this year. Mr. Elzer asked how much water the splash pad used over the summer, Monteleone said they have the meter readings and he would get that information.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated he gave council copies of the new income tax ordinance for review before it is placed on the September 28th agenda and it has to be effective by January 1, 2016. Mr. Cohen stated that we really didn't have a choice with the tax ordinance that it was already mandated by the State of Ohio and Atty. Powers said that was correct. Atty. Powers said that Mr. Elzer brought up the issue at the last meeting of animals in town, he said we don't have an ordinance that specifically addresses them but we do have zoning ordinances that address those issues and that you can't have agricultural activity until you get into the Rural Zoning classification which means you can't have domestic livestock inside the village. In reference to annexation Mr. Elzer asked if each person received a vote or if each property got a vote towards the 51% needed. Atty. Powers stated there would be one vote per piece of property owned by the same person but that he would need to research it to be sure. Manager Monteleone said the possible dates for Teamsters negotiations are Oct 7th or Oct 20th. Mr. Cohen stated that he, Atty. Beagle and Mr. Figley were a part of the negotiating team and they agreed on Tuesday Oct 7th at 7pm. Mr. Cohen

stated that since the three of them weren't on the same committee he suggested forming a negotiating committee so they could go into executive session to do the bargaining and Atty. Powers agreed. Mr. Cohen then made a motion to form a "Negotiations Committee" consisting of himself, Atty. Beagle and Mr. Figley for the purpose of union contact negotiations, seconded by Atty. Beagle. All in favor.

THERE WERE NO STREET OR S/P/R/C REPORTS

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Elzer said that commercial backflows in the village have to be tested once a year and the letters used to come from the Village but this year his letter came from a company in Indiana and he didn't know why. Clerk Misti Martin stated that the backflows used to be handled by Denny Griffith and that the entire process was very time consuming, this year they subcontracted it out (which saves time and allows the plumbers to submit the test results electronically) for a very minimal charge. Mr. Elzer stated that with the new reservoir that was completed recently there was also a new telemetry system that could be used to monitor things at all times from the employees phones. He said he has discussed this with the Manager previously, that our employees do not have phones that can do that, they still have flip phones. Monteleone said he has been getting pricing from different companies on smart phones and they will be making a decision soon. Mr. Elzer said he had been having conversations with people about Village pride and a suggestion was made about a "Village Flag" so Maggie Guggliemo from Flags and Specialties designed a sample flag that Mr. Elzer brought to the meeting tonight. Mr. Elzer said he still needed the information from the Fire Chief about the water line going up Pleasant Dr. He also said that a new yoga studio opened on Taggart St.

UTILITY: Mrs. Wisser asked if there was any word on the slip lining and Monteleone said we have legislation tonight to hire LSSE for the project.

FINANCE: Mr. Tyger said the estimate for loss of revenue with the new income tax laws is around \$35,000.00 and there is nothing we can do about it

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: Walter Mead & Son, Mary Anne Tyger, Jerry Coblentz, Don Johnson, Dan Scott, Chief Josh Brown, Terri Ward, Kent Chapman, Doug Simpson, John Davis, Mark Walker, Mary Beth DiCello, John Simon, Brett Todd, Shirley Glavan, Katie White.

LEGISLATION: Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 18-2015 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager, on behalf of council, to enter into negotiations with Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc., to provide professional design services related to wastewater system improvements, to eliminate the release of untreated sewage, due to overflow of the sanitary sewer system.** Atty. Beagle made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Cohen. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Figley-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mrs. Wisser-y. Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Ord. 18-2015. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Figley-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mrs. Wisser-y. 6 yes to pass. Atty. Beagle introduced Res. 15-2015 and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **A resolution authorizing the Fiscal Manager to certify annual special assessments to the county auditor, and declaring an emergency.** Atty. Beagle made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Cohen. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Figley-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mrs. Wisser-y. 6 yes to pass. Atty. Beagle called for a vote on Res.15-2015. Atty. Beagle-y, Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Figley-y, Mr. Tyger-y, Mrs. Wisser-y. 6 yes to pass.

ADJOURN: Mr. Elzer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor, meeting adjourned.